

Oilcloth Lunch Bag

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You will need:

- 1/4 yard (not fat) oilcloth. Modern oilcloth is pretty much like vinyl and not oiled cloth
- 1/4 yard thin batting
- 1/4 yard other plastic fabric for lining. I used a shower curtain because I had it left over from making another project
- 3.5 in piece of Velcro

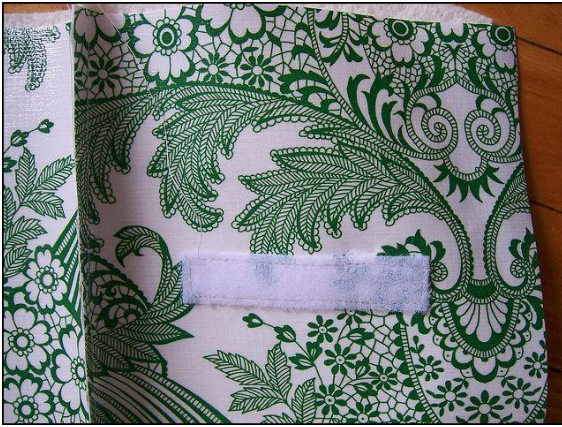
Note: The oilcloth can be a bit of a challenge to sew, so you will probably be wrestling the material in your machine a bit more than you would with quilters' cotton. You can line the bag with something other than vinyl. The vinyl was what I had handy, and it is easily wipe able, so that's what I opted for. This pattern would also work for sturdy, non-plastic materials, like canvas. Hope you're enjoying this and making some awesome lunch bags!



1. Cut one 7" x 31" rectangle from the two plastic fabrics.
Cut two 4.5" x 13" rectangles of the two plastics.
Cut the batting the same as the plastics, except make it 1/4" smaller on all sides.



2. For each piece, sandwich the batting between the oilcloth and the vinyl.



3. Sew the fuzzy side of the Velcro to the long piece of oilcloth so that the top of the Velcro is 3-5 in. from the top edge.



4. **With wrong sides facing** line up the long edge of one of the smaller side pieces with the edge of the long main panel. Sew along this edge with a 1/4in seam.



5. When you get 1/4in from the corner, stop and back-tack. Turn the long piece at a right angle, folding it along the edge of the short side of the edge piece. Stitch and repeat with the other corner.
6. Repeat with the other side panel.



7. If the top edges are uneven, trim them. Then sew the prickly side of the Velcro right at the top of the wide side of the lunch bag that does not already have Velcro.
8. Stitch around the top edge.

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